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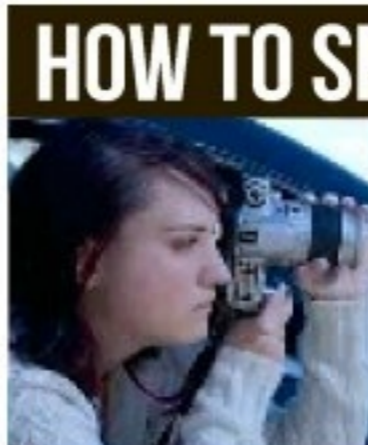
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Seniors lose big bucks to iTunes scam

CRIME
Fake tax collectors ask for transfers via gift cards



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Police are urging vigilance from retailers after some Edmonton seniors were scammed into buying tens of thousands of dollars worth of iTunes gift cards.

Det. Bill Allen said police are getting more than 50 calls a day since the end of tax season from seniors who are being bullied into paying taxes they don't owe — sometimes

being threatened with jail time or deportation.

Police have seen a "massive shift" toward scammers asking for the money to be transferred via iTunes cards, which they then sell for discounted rates on websites like eBay or Kijiji.

Allen said retailers need to develop policies that would have their clerks question

purchases of that nature.

"I would suggest that an 80-year-old person walking into a store to purchase \$10,000 worth of iTunes cards should bring out some red flags," he said.

"Certainly, if they asked a couple of questions they would see that the senior is truly a victim of a CRA scam and they could pre-

vent that."

In one case, an elderly woman bought \$10,000 worth of iTunes cards at a grocery store and, while still on the phone with the scammer, bought another \$12,000 at a second store.

The callers purport to be with the Canada Revenue Agency and, through phone spoofing, their numbers show

up as such on Call I.D.

Canada Revenue Agency spokesperson Randy Westerman said the agency does not use coercive language like the scammers.

"We don't bully people, we don't harass them into making payments. And when someone has a debt, they know they have a debt," he said.



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Big names barred from running

+ BAD DEFICIT

Sanction won't keep Caterina from council run

Coun. Tony Caterina's disqualification from running for provincial office won't prevent him from running for his council seat again.

Elections Alberta has disqualified Caterina from running for provincial office for five years, because he was unable to clear a deficit from his unsuccessful 2015 campaign in Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview.

Caterina said he attempted to clear the deficit, but was unable before deadlines arose. He said he's not interested in running provincially again.

The city's director of elections, Laura Kennedy, said the provincial disqualification does not affect a person's ability to run municipally.

Kennedy said the only provincial offences that come into play for municipal candidates are serious attempts to disrupt an election.

"In our case it would be things like bribery or interfering with an election," he said. "This is not one of those offences."

Elections Alberta spokesman Drew Westwater also confirmed the disqualification would not prevent a run for federal office.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Elections Alberta released the names of candidates disqualified from future provincial elections. Their list numbers in the dozens and includes some prominent individuals from several political parties.

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Wildrose spokesman Vitor Marciano. FLICKR/SERGEI

City councillor Tony Caterina, former Progressive Conservative cabinet minister Christine Cusanelli and Wildrose spokesman Vitor Marciano are among dozens of people ineligible to be financial officers or candidates in the next provincial election.

Elections Alberta released the list of disqualified parties in late May. Anyone on the list is ineligible to run for office or serve as a chief financial officer for either five or eight years.

Deputy returning officer Drew Westwater said the candidates in question have failed to file financial reports or failed

to clear up a deficit.

He added they do everything they can to ensure candidates don't have to be disqualified.

"We give actually more notice and more help for the candidates," he said.

Caterina said he filed his financial disclosures, but was unable to retire an \$11,000 deficit he incurred during his unsuccessful 2015 provincial campaign in Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview.

"We give actually more notice and more help for the candidates."

Drew Westwater, Elections Alberta



City councillor Tony Caterina. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

He said that money was contributions he made to his own campaign and he wasn't able to raise funds to retire the debt before being disqualified.

"It's what it is and at this point I have no intention of seeking any other provincial involvement regardless of party," Caterina said.

Westwater said there are some candidates like Caterina who were unable to retire a campaign debt,

but most simply never filed statements.

Marciano was the chief financial officer for Josh Loeppky, a Wildrose candidate who's also ineligible, in Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

Marciano said he was the CFO for that and several other campaigns that raised no funds during the election.

He said he submitted the other financial disclosures, but couldn't submit this one because he can't locate Loeppky to sign the form.

"He hasn't returned my phone calls. He has just disappeared," said Marciano.

ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Disqualifications, by political party

Below is the number of candidates or chief financial officers disqualified, by party, during each of the most recent provincial elections (2012 and 2015).

1 Liberal Party —
2015: 13
2012: 8

2 Progressive Conservatives —

2015: 6
2012: 0

3 Wildrose —

2015: 4
2012: 5

4 Alberta Party —

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5 NDP —

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Event marks 100 years of suffrage

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Dozens of people marched on the Alberta legislature Thursday, many clad in long dresses and hats, and hoisting signs of protest demanding the right to vote.

The historical re-enactment was based on an actual rally at the same place, in October 1914, when activists swarmed the building demanding an audience with then-premier Arthur Sifton.

Thursday's rally marked a century of women's suffrage — Sifton's government passed a bill allowing women to vote in 1916.

"It's important with these milestones to reflect on the time we've come from and pay our respects to the folks, men and women, who worked really, really hard to get women's



Women in the prairies were the first in Canada granted the right to vote, though indigenous women could not vote in Alberta until 1960. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

suffrage into the light," said Gianna Vacirca, an organizer.

Staff from facilities across the city, including the legislature, Fort Edmonton Park and the John Walter Museum, donned their best Edwardian attire, and an actor playing Sifton addressed the crowd.

“It's important with these milestones to reflect.”

Gianna Vacirca

Vacirca said organizing the rally changed the way she thought about the right to vote.

"It has enlightened me that I may have taken for granted that right, and I certainly didn't know how many people continued to be disenfranchised," she said, pointing out that not

all people, or women even, got the vote in 1916.

Many indigenous people couldn't vote in Alberta until 1960.

The march also marked the beginning of a new exhibit at the legislature called Voices for the Vote, which examines why Alberta was among the first places in Canada to grant women the vote.

"We looked at a sense of place; why Alberta, why the Prairies, why was it so successful here?" said Al Chapman, manager of visitor services at the legislature.

Women in Manitoba were the first to gain the right to vote provincially in 1916, followed by Saskatchewan and Alberta. Chapman chalks it up to a frontier mentality.

"Women on the prairies assumed so many other roles, other than just the parent in the home and looking after the home," he said.

"They were running businesses, they were running farms, and doing things in maybe other more eastern, urban centres they didn't do at that time."

SERVICES

Lawyers help Fort Mac folk

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Many have helped Fort McMurray evacuees and now the province's lawyers are stepping in.

Pro-Bono Law Alberta is offering a toll-free dial-a-lawyer program on Saturday to allow Fort Mac residents a way to ask nagging legal questions.

"We want to be able to support residents as they rebuild their community and their homes," said Kendall Moholity, executive director. The group organized similar sessions following the Slave Lake fires and the Southern Alberta floods.

"We know that when disaster hits there are legal challenges that arise and questions, so we felt it was important," she said.

"The lawyers that will be on the phone on Saturday have a background in insurance and I anticipate they will be able to field whatever comes forward," she said.

The line will be open between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at 1-888-644-8950 on Saturday.

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WEEKEND EVENTS

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Mile Zero Dance: When Words Fail

The fourth and final instalment of Mile Zero's Dance Crush series will feature local theatre veteran Richard Lee with Calgary choreographer Mark Ikeda. The pair will tell a 45-minute improvised story through text and dance, based on a single audience suggestion. Tickets \$20. 8 p.m., Spazio Performativo, 10816 95 St.

SATURDAY
Ritchie Bike Day

Ritchie Community League will host a free afternoon of cycling-related activities, including a bike swap, a bike parade, a guided bike tour of Ritchie and a pedal-powered smoothie machine. 1 to 3 p.m., Ritchie Community League, 7727 98 St.

SUNDAY
Edmonton Music Awards Community Fundraiser

The EMAs are moving into the Winspear Centre this year, and this all-day pre-party featuring more than a dozen local artists, including several nominees, will help foot the bill for the upgraded digs. Advance tickets \$12. The Almanac, 10351 82 Ave., doors at 2:30 p.m.

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Runners celebrate at last year's **Edmonton Pride Run and Walk**. This year's edition happens Saturday at Emily Murphy Park.

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Pride run returns

EDMONTON PRIDE FESTIVAL

2015 event raised more than \$8,000



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A charity run will kick off the final weekend of the Edmonton Pride Festival.

The Edmonton Pride Run and Walk will take more than 400 Edmontonians through a five-kilometre track in the river valley, starting in Emily Murphy Park.

The support shown to the second annual event has floored co-founder Joshua Bergman, who took the lead on the event from other big Canadian cities like Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal.

"Last year we thought, 'Well if we can get 50 or 100 people out, it will be a success.' But we had 370 people register, and then about 40 volunteers, and spectators," said Bergman, who started the event with his partner, Kent Akgunor.

"We're really excited and

really overwhelmed by all the support that Edmonton has shown this event. I think this event is really a reflection of the Edmonton community, just in terms of the diversity of people that are involved and the enthusiastic response we've had from everyone."

Last year's run raised \$8,100 for a University of Alberta entrance award honouring first-year students who have demonstrated leadership in the LGBTQ community. This year, Bergman hopes to break \$10,000.

The family-friendly run will start at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a free barbecue. Gender registration includes options beyond male and female, to make registration as inclusive as possible.

The event will be followed by a non-affiliated Queer Women and Trans Fest, starting at 1 p.m. with a march from the Alberta legislature to Oliver Community League Hall, where more festivities are planned. Pride events will continue through Sunday.

"I think that's the incredible thing now about pride now in Edmonton, is there are so many events," Bergman said.

"I think this event is really a reflection of the Edmonton community." Joshua Bergman

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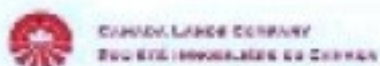
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FORT McMURRAY

Notley upset by how little pay given to South African crews

Ryan Tumilty
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Premier Rachel Notley said her government was “disturbed” to learn South African firefighters were being paid so little for their work on the Fort McMurray fire, and her government will ensure they are paid better.

“I can say right now that every hour that every firefighter from South Africa or anywhere else has worked on these fires will be compensated in accordance with our laws,” Notley said Thursday.

According to Work on Fire — the South African organization that oversees them — the 300 firefighters who arrived in Alberta in late May were receiving just \$15 a day while on the ground, with an additional \$35



South African firefighters work in an area outside of Fort McMurray on June 2. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

a day to be paid to them when they returned home.

Notley said this is a dispute between the company and its workers but added people working in Alberta have to be paid higher wages.

The NDP have committed to pushing Alberta's minimum

“**It's not acceptable to me and to my government.**

Rachel Notley

wage to \$15 an hour by 2018.

“It's not acceptable to me and to my government that we would have people working for wages in our province that do not align with our labour laws,” she said.

According to Notley, the government's contract paid the

organization \$170 a day, per firefighter, and also covered food, transportation and lodging for the workers.

“The Government of Alberta engaged in a contract that was constructed with the understanding that it would facilitate minimum levels of pay to those firefighters,” she said.

After the pay dispute emerged Thursday, the firefighters stood down from their work in Fort McMurray.

The company Work on Fire said it was working on the issue and its crew will return to South Africa.

“We're dispatching a senior management team to Alberta, Canada this evening to address the firefighters' concerns and to assist with the smooth demobilization of our firefighters and their safe return back home to South Africa,” said spokesperson Linton Rensburg, in a statement.

He also said firefighters were aware of what they would be paid before they left South Africa.

“This was discussed with firefighters before their departure to Canada.”

SHERWOOD PARK

Charges dropped vs. Hart

The Crown has dropped criminal charges against Teddy Hart, a member of Canada's legendary Hart wrestling family known for his daredevil antics both inside and outside the ring as well as for his breeding of Persian cats.

Hart, whose legal name is Edward Annis, was charged with assault, unlawful confinement and sexual assault against two women in Sherwood Park, just east of Edmonton, in 2013 and 2014.

The charges were withdrawn at the start of a preliminary hearing May 26.

A spokeswoman with Alberta Justice says the Crown determined after a review that the case did not meet the criteria needed to proceed.

Lawyer Kent Teskey says his client had always maintained his innocence.

“Teddy has had this fog of charges over him for a year and a half,” Teskey said Thursday. “He's relieved and looks forward to getting back to work.”

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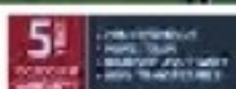
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Edmonton metro NEWS

Beloved garden could be uprooted

DEVELOPMENT

Proposed tower raises questions from community



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Organizers of a popular downtown community garden have questions about a proposed 16-storey tower that, if approved, would mean their garden will have to move.

Peace Garden Park has allowed people to cultivate small plots at 120 Street and 103 Avenue since 2009, on leased city land. But now developers of a new residential tower have their eye on the land.

The developer, Limak Investments, bought a greenfield lot next door to the garden. But Simon O'Byrne, vice-president of planning for Stantec, said that if they built their 190-unit tower on that site, it would block the

garden's sunlight.

So, Stantec is proposing the two sites swap places.

A letter from the company, dated May 6, proposes the garden shift south, noting, "this configuration would optimize sun exposure for the public park, enabling community gardens and leisure uses."

As required by the city, Stantec notified residents of the developer's proposal so they could obtain feedback, which will be submitted along with their formal application to the city.

Justin Keats, garden director for the Oliver Community League, said asking for feedback is a normal part of the development process — but the tone of the letter concerned residents.

"It led a lot of people to feel like this was a done deal and going ahead, versus that more greater aspect of consultation that's in play," he said.

Keats stressed the community league is not anti-development, but does need more information about the tower before they're able to take a position.



Peace Garden Park in the city's downtown Oliver community.
KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

O'Byrne described the swap idea as a "win-win," noting that the new garden would actually be slightly larger than the old one, and would have access to water — the current garden relies on tanked water — as well as a storage space in the new building.

He added the company plans to meet with the community league next week, and have a public consultation meeting in September before taking their proposal to council.

"Right now our concern is just ensuring that a beloved community amenity remains in place," said Keats.

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Clark reveals past sex assault as teen

BRITISH COLUMBIA

'I knew all too well why women stay silent.... I've been one of them'



Matt Kieltika
Metro | Vancouver

British Columbia Premier Christy Clark has revealed she was sexually assaulted as a teenager.

In a Vancouver Sun op-ed published Thursday, Clark outlined the reasons her government supported a bill by Green Party MLA Andrew Weaver requiring post-secondary institutions to establish and implement sexual misconduct policies.

Clark said her own personal experience shaped her decision to support the bill and is now talking about it for the first time.

"As I sat in my chair on the floor of the legislature, it struck me: I knew all too well why women stay silent. For over 35 years, I've been one of them,"



B.C. Premier Christy Clark
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clark wrote.

Clark said she was 13 and on her way to a restaurant job in Burnaby when the assault took place.

"It was a sunny day, and I was walking to work at my first job. A man suddenly jumped out, grabbed me and pulled me out of sight into a deep copse of shrubs," Clark wrote.

"He didn't say anything. I don't even remember what he looked like. I remember wondering where he had come from, and why I hadn't seen him. And I remember being very scared.

"When he pulled me down the

little slope, it must have shifted him off balance. He loosened his grip for a moment, giving me a chance to wriggle away.

"Once I got out into the sunlight, I ran like the wind."

Clark said she has never told anyone about the assault until recently because she was ashamed and didn't want to make people uncomfortable.

"I suppose I felt that if I hadn't been physically hurt, people would think I was self-absorbed, overly upset about something that was just part of life for my half of humanity," she wrote. "Over the last few weeks, I've shared this story with female friends and colleagues. Almost every single one of them also had a story. Like me, none of them had said a word."

She hopes Weaver's bill will help other victims report their assaults to authorities and get the support they need.

"Sexual violence is common. Unfortunately, so is staying silent about it. Our silence makes it easier for those who wish to harm us."



A Syrian family arrives at Toronto's Pearson Airport in December. In November, the Liberal government unveiled a program to resettle 25,000 refugees, and on Thursday said estimates put the cost of the first year of the program at about \$136 million less than expected. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

REFUGEE CRISIS

Settlement plan under budget

The first year of the Liberal government's marquee Syrian refugee resettlement program came in about \$136 million under budget, the government said Thursday.

Bringing in 25,000 people between November and the end of February cost \$319 million, with the biggest costs being transporting and welcoming them, figures released by the Immigration Department show.

Transportation was cheaper than expected, temporary military housing was never used and neither was a contingency fund, Immigration Minister John McCallum told a House of Commons committee in explaining the cost savings.

"The reason we spent dramatically less than we said we would is because we were dramatically efficient," he said. The budget set out for the

program last November was \$678 million spread over six years. It was divided up into five phases - the first three focused on the identification, processing and transportation of refugees.

The maximum budget for those three streams was \$188 million. Those phases are over and figures released Thursday estimate \$108.5 million was spent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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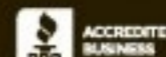


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Barack Obama endorses Clinton

U.S. ELECTION

Move an attempt to ease Bernie Sanders toward exit

Testifying to Hillary Clinton's grit and experience, U.S. President Barack Obama endorsed his former secretary of state's bid to succeed him on Thursday and urged Democrats to line up behind her. It was all part of a carefully orchestrated pressure campaign aimed at easing Clinton rival Bernie Sanders toward the exit

and turning fully to the fight against Republican Donald Trump.

Obama's long-expected endorsement, delivered via web video, included a forceful call for unity and for "embracing" Sanders' economic message, which has fired up much of the liberal wing of his party. Obama sought to reassure Democrats that Clinton shares their values and is ready for the job.

"Look, I know how hard this job can be. That's why I know Hillary will be so good at it," Obama said. "I have seen her judgment. I have seen her toughness. I've seen her commitment to our values."

Obama's testimonial came less than an hour after the president met privately with Sanders at the White House to discuss the future of Sanders' so-called political revolution — one that will not include him taking up residence at the White House. Sanders emerged from the meeting subdued and indicated he had gotten the message.

Although he stopped short of endorsing Clinton, the Vermont senator told reporters he planned to press for his "issues" — rather than victory — at the party's July convention and would work with Clinton to defeat Trump. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Clinton and Trump have one thing in common: Both are working to woo Sanders supporters. The two took to Twitter to tangle Thursday.

Trump responded to Obama's endorsement by tweeting: "Obama just endorsed Crooked Hillary. He wants four more years of Obama — but nobody else does!" The Clinton campaign tweeted back: "Delete Your Account."

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Stanford rape case grips United States



Brock Turner THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With outcry growing against those who stood by a former Stanford University swimmer who sexually assaulted an unconscious woman, a childhood friend and a high-school guidance counsellor have apologized for writing letters of support urging leniency for Brock Turner.

The case against the one-time Olympic hopeful has gripped the country. Taking into account more than three dozen letters from character witnesses, Santa Clara County Judge Aaron Persky sentenced Turner to six months in jail and three

years' probation for attacking the 23-year-old woman. Turner will serve only three months behind bars.

Defendants can solicit letters of support for judges to consider. One of them came from Kelly Owens, a guidance counsellor at his former high school.

She regrets writing the letter and acknowledged it was a mistake, her school district said in a prepared statement Wednesday.

Leslie Rasmussen, a childhood friend of Turner's, also faced blowback for writing a

letter. She had blamed campus drinking culture and political correctness for his drunken life choices.

"I was not there that night. I had no right to make any assumptions about the situation," according to a posting Wednesday on a Facebook page that appears to be Rasmussen's. "Most importantly, I did not acknowledge strongly enough the severity of Brock's crime and the suffering and pain that his victim endured, and for that lack of acknowledgement, I am deeply sorry." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kids may have made your stuff

ECONOMY

World Vision Canada urges prevention of child labour

A new report says Canadian consumers may be unwittingly buying goods made by child labourers.

And those who want to make ethical buying decisions are largely in the dark about what companies are doing to prevent child labour in their supply chains, says the World Vision Canada report to be released today.

The organization is calling for a new law to force companies that do business in Canada to report annually on the measures they take to ensure that factories in other countries aren't using minors to make products for the Canadian marketplace.

"It's an issue of promoting the Canadian brand for responsible business; it's an opportunity to ensure that we are competitive too," said Simon Lewchuk, who has been heading up the initiative for World Vision Canada.

Lewchuk said transparency

legislation would be a way to pressure companies into doing more to prevent child labourers from working on goods made overseas.

"The hope is simply by requiring companies to report on this, that will then be the basis of a better dialogue between consumers, investors and these companies."

The recommendation is one of several in the report, which comes one day after Canada rati-

Labour Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk said the government would have to study any proposal before crafting a new law.

"We don't have child labour here, but some companies may use child labour somewhere along their supply chain," she said in an interview ahead of ratifying the ILO convention.

Mihychuk said some multinational companies based in Canada already disclose information as part of a corporate social



The legislation is a means to an end, not an end in and of itself.

Simon Lewchuk

fied an International Labour Organization convention on child labour that proclaims the minimum age for work should be 15.

Government documents obtained under the Access to Information Act show federal officials raised the idea last year to then-labour minister Kellie Leitch, writing that if there was a trend among allies to have transparency laws, it would "present an opportunity for Canada to show leadership by examining the possibility of adopting a similar legislation."

responsibility agenda.

Among those companies is apparel manufacturer Gildan, named in the World Vision Canada report as a model for other companies.

The Quebec-based company regularly runs surprise audits of overseas factories: In 2015, it ran 337 such audits to ensure the minimum working age in factories is 18, and that workers have adequate compensation, benefits, and hours of work. The results are posted online for consumers to read. THE CANADIAN PRESS

52

Percentage of companies in the report that didn't provide any public reporting on their efforts to prevent child labour in their supply chains.

1,264

Companies operating in Canada whose supply chains run through countries with high incidences of child labour.

168M

Estimated number of child labourers worldwide; 85 million of these children do hazardous work.

34.3B

Value of imported goods reviewed as part of the World Vision Canada study in Canadian dollars.

828

Number of those companies that are headquartered in Canada.

87

Percentage of respondents in a 2015 Ipsos Reid survey, conducted for World Vision Canada, who supported supply chain transparency legislation.

SOURCES: WORLD VISION CANADA, INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION

BANK OF CANADA

Housing prices not sustainable, Poloz says

The Bank of Canada delivered a warning Thursday that surging housing prices in the hot markets of Vancouver and Toronto are rising at an unsustainable clip.

Governor Stephen Poloz cautioned that those climbing real estate prices have outpaced local economic fundamentals like job creation, immigration and income growth.

The central bank's decision to weigh in this week came after it saw growing evidence those markets were fuelled by "self-reinforcing" expectations among prospective buyers and lenders, Poloz said.

The bank's concern is that people believe the price trajectory will continue to point skyward.

"You have to admit (there's) the possibility that the price could actually decline," Poloz told a news conference in Ottawa.

"But we're not predicting that or anything. We're just saying the risk that that could happen — whatever number it is — is growing as we sit here."

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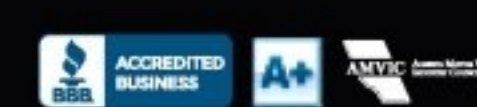
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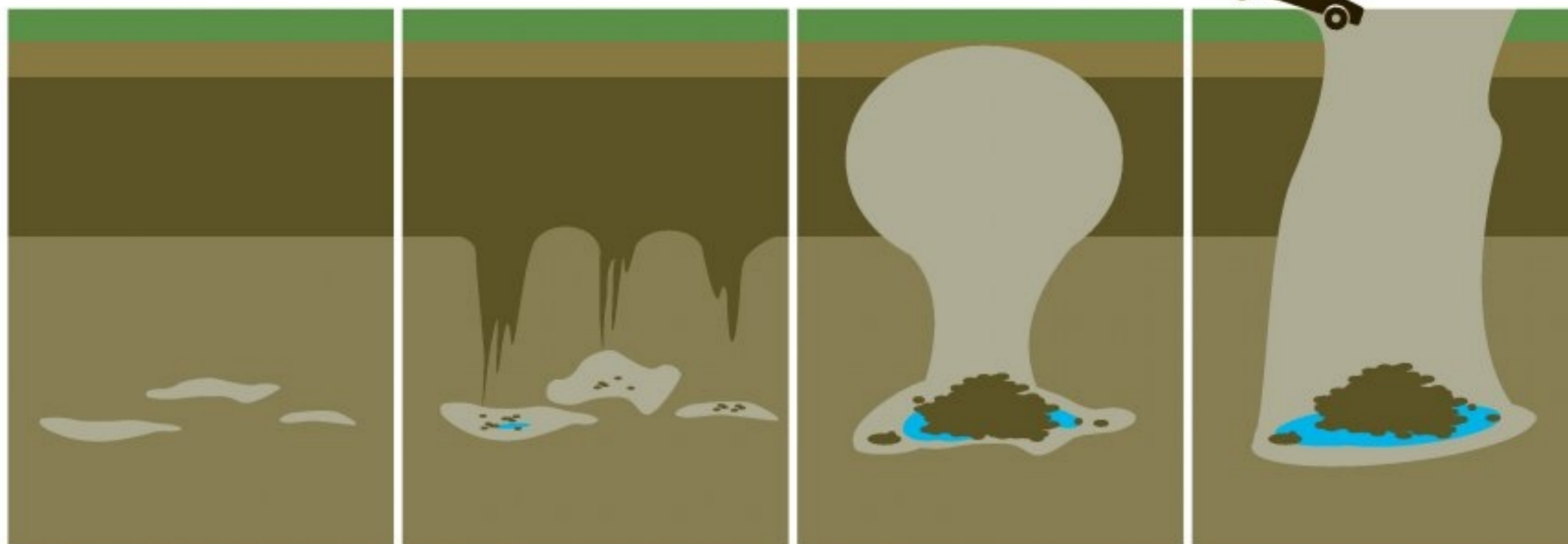
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DECODED Sinkholes

WHAT WENT DOWN IN OTTAWA?

Sinkholes that open up vast chasms in the ground — sometimes big enough to swallow cars, houses or even three-storey buildings — may seem like Mother Nature throwing a massive tantrum. But there's a science to how they form. **Here's how it works.**



HOW NATURAL SINKHOLES WORK

Sinkholes can form in lots of ways. They're especially common in areas where the bedrock contains bases like **calcium carbonate**, which react with **acid** in rainwater and groundwater. Ontario's abundant **limestone** is calcium carbonate.

Water seeps into the rock's nooks and crannies, dissolving it and opening up a cavern underground that may not be visible above.

When it gets big enough and close enough to the surface, the "roof," often made of clay or soil, can cave in, sometimes quite quickly and dramatically.

Presto: Sinkhole!

DID YOU KNOW?

Rainwater reacts with carbon dioxide in the air to form carbonic acid. **The acid in turn reacts with the calcium carbonate in the rock to form calcium bicarbonate, which dissolves easily in water.** That's how the rock is "eaten away." Incidentally, carbonic acid is also formed when carbon dioxide is dissolved under pressure in the tasty sugar-water-flavour solution we call soda pop!



SINKHOLES: OFTEN OUR FAULT

Human activity is often to blame for sinkholes: pumping of groundwater, construction of sewer lines, mining. A disturbance that prevents surface water from being able to drain away, causing it to collect underground, could be a recipe for a sinkhole. Under a downtown street in Ottawa this week, a water main broke, but it's not yet clear if the break caused the sinkhole, or the reverse.

GRAPHICS: ANDRÉS PLANA/METRO

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

What happens to your body when you fast?

I don't eat or drink from dawn to sunset during the month of Ramadan. Is it bad for me?
— Reena, Vancouver

First of all, Ramadan kareem! I hope you have a great holiday season. Secondly, good news: For most healthy adults, short-term fasting is considered safe, and, as observant Muslims know, pregnant and nursing women, small children, and people too sick or frail to fast are exempted. Anybody with a medical condition like diabetes needs a doc-

tor's OK before fasting.

But even non-diabetics can feel the effects of low blood sugar during fasting. Your body's first-choice energy source is glucose from carbs. Without it, you can adapt by burning fats and proteins, but some people experience shakes, weakness, and a touch of brain fog even so.

You may have also heard fasting is good for you. As usual, it's complicated. It's NOT true fasting "detoxifies" the body. You have a liver. You have kidneys. That's what they do!

Also: Fasting, somewhat contrarily to common sense, might not help you lose weight. Studies show most people lose a couple pounds during Ramadan, but gain it back two weeks after. Some even report weight gain, possibly from holiday feasting and over-compensating at night.

It's been known for decades that many animals live much longer if they're kept on a very low-calorie diet indefinitely, and it seems that intermittent, regular fasting for a few days a month has the same benefit.

But the phenomenon is not as well-established in monkeys or humans.

There has been research showing people who fast periodically have markers of physiological health, like less tummy flab and more stem cells in the blood. But there isn't convincing evidence any kind of fasting helps you live longer as compared to a healthy, balanced diet (she writes with a sigh of relief).

Science Question?
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FINDINGS

Your week in science

PUBLIC ENEMY #1

History's biggest villain is very tiny. A new analysis of DNA from 178 people buried in mass graves suggests just one strain of *Y. pestis*, the bacteria that causes bubonic plague, caused European pandemics of the sixth to 18th centuries, including the Black Death. In the 19th century, it spread to Asia and around the world.



SLACKING: OFF

A University of Waterloo team has designed a wearable gadget to keep people working at standing desks from spending too much time on social media. Sites like Facebook and Twitter stay locked unless the person is in an uncomfortable position, like a lunge. The hope is that burning quads will deter employees from slacking off.

SOUND SMART

KETOSIS



DEFINITION

Ketosis is the state you go into when you break down fat instead of carbohydrates for energy, often because of a very low-carb or low-calorie diet. Ketosis causes elevated levels of **ketones** (byproducts of fat metabolism) in your blood. It can develop into a serious illness in people with diabetes, but for others, ketosis can be useful, including to treat obesity and epilepsy.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

"After a few days eating only meat and lettuce, you'll go into **ketosis**. It makes some people's breath smell fruity."

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ALS awareness movies

Lou Gehrig's Disease gained a lot of attention in summer 2014 when everyone began doing the Ice Bucket Challenge. But as celebrated as that chilly viral campaign was, many people still don't understand the devastating effects amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) has on an increasing number of sufferers. As June is ALS Awareness Month, Metro looks at four films that aim to help unmask this mysterious malady. **Steve Gow** FOR METRO



CLAY TWEEL

"Without seeing these challenges, without experiencing them in a way that film engages its viewers, it would be easier for the public to ignore the plights of ALS patients and their families."

COURTESY SUZANNE ALFORD; ALL OTHER PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Gleason (coming out Aug. 12)

In this upcoming documentary, director Clay Tweel takes a stirring look at former NFL star Steve Gleason, 39, who was diagnosed with ALS in 2011. The film focuses on the football player's health struggles and his determination to leave a personal journal of the battle to his newborn son.

"It's a story of the triumph of the human spirit," said Tweel recently prior to the film's August release. "Hopefully our film will be a part of driving audiences to enact real change in the search for a cure or for more advanced technology to aid victims."



The Theory of Everything (2014)

He's perhaps ALS's most famous figure but Stephen Hawking has also been its most resilient. As Oscar-winning actor Eddie Redmayne demonstrated in this biopic about the famous physicist, the destructive neurodegenerative affliction may paralyze the body, but the mind is very much dynamic. Hawking has even lived over 50 years with the disorder.



Jason Becker: Not Dead Yet (2012)

A guitar protégé in the late '80s, Jason Becker quickly became an internationally-renowned virtuoso until the determined star was diagnosed with ALS — just weeks after David Lee Roth hired him as his guitarist. Twenty years on and Jason's not only alive but creating music.



The Pride of the Yankees (1942)

A year after the baseball hero's death, Gary Cooper played sports legend Lou Gehrig in this cinematic tribute to the Yankees' star (which ALS was named after). A multi-Oscar nominated film, The Pride of the Yankees may not have demonstrated the full brutality of the disease, but it was surely the first to expose it to the mass audiences.



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Demon-hunting duo is back

THE CONJURING 2

The Warrens' X-File exploits perfect for spooky stories

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



If self-described "demonologists, ghost hunters and kooks" Ed and Lorraine Warren didn't really exist, Hollywood would have invented them.

In addition to investigating 10,000 cases of paranormal activity — including exorcising a "werewolf demon" — they founded the New England Society for Psychic Research, authored three books about their ghostly exploits and were the proprietors of Warren's Occult Museum in Monroe, Conn.

They are colourful eccentrics whose wild exploits are perfect big-screen fodder.

Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga played them in 2013's *The Conjuring*. Based on a real-



Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga portray real-life husband-and-wife demonologists Ed and Lorraine Warren in the supernatural thriller *The Conjuring 2*. CONTRIBUTED

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life haunted house in Rhode Island, it comes complete with slamming doors, someone or something goosing family members in their sleep and the smell of rotten meat.

Directed by Saw co-creator James Wan, it's a mashup of *The Exorcist* and a particularly unnerving episode of *Ghost Hunters* and earned Farmiga a nomination for the MTV Movie Award for Best Scared-As-S—t Performance.

The demon-hunting duo are back in theatres in *The Conjuring 2*. This time they're looking into the Enfield Poltergeist incident. Instead of a ghost in a house, malevolent spirits possess young children who speak in strange voices, levitate and do all manner of spooky things.

"I've known about them since I was pretty young, back in high school," Wan says of the Warrens.

"I was fascinated by what they did and who they are. I've sort of kept them in my peripheral all these years, and I've always thought their life stories would make a very interesting movie."

The *Conjuring* films are scary but they're not the only supernatural cases the Warrens investigated that went on to get the big-screen treatment.

Annabelle, a 2014 prequel to *The Conjuring*, proves you can't keep a good doll down. It tells the story of *Annabelle*, that movie's creepy, possessed dolly before she was safely locked away in Warren's Occult

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Now You See Me 2 ★★★
Warcraft ★
Maggie's Plan ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

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Director James Wan on the Warrens

Museum. Echoes of *Rosemary's Baby* and *Repulsion* reverberate throughout the movie's low-key weird atmosphere.

The Warrens' much-documented Carmen Snedeker situation gave us *The Haunting in Connecticut*. In a disturbing flick that breathes the same air as any movie involving evil spirits, a haunted house, an old aboriginal cemetery or former insane asylum, evil forces torment the Snedekers after they move into a converted funeral home in Southington, Conn.

In the real-life 1986 event, the Warrens were called in and declared the Snedeker house to be crawling with demons, the result of former funeral home workers practising necrophilia.

How accurate was the movie?

"I was also told about scratching on the walls, blood

and séances," Lorraine told *MyRecordJournal.com*. "That isn't the type of thing ... occurring within the house at all. The movie is very, very loosely based on the actual investigation."

The eerie couple's most celebrated case happened at 112 Ocean Ave. in Amityville, Long Island.

Known as *The Amityville Horror*, their look into the Lutz family's outrageous claims of supernatural terror after moving into the large house where Ronald DeFeo, Jr. shot and killed six members of his family, has been the subject of 10 movies and a number of books.

"The case itself has affected our personal lives more than any other case we've ever worked on in 54 years of research," Lorraine said.

When a baby plan goes awry

MAGGIE'S PLAN

Tale of neurotic New Yorkers ode to complexity of modern life

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Maggie's Plan, the new film from director Rebecca Miller, is an idiosyncratic look at the lives of some know-it-alls who don't really know it all.

"I love complex geometry where I can connect different people in different ways," says Miller, "and where you can completely change relationships over the course of a film."

Populated by New York City academics — there's a crypto anthropology prof, a sperm donor who thinks math is beautiful, and a tenured Columbia instructor — Maggie's Plan stars Greta Gerwig as a single, type-A art teacher hoping to have and raise a baby by herself. She has a sperm donor and a plan. Com-



Ethan Hawke is a part-time professor and Greta Gerwig a type-A art teacher hoping to have and raise a baby alone in Maggie's Plan. CONTRIBUTED

plicating her strategy is John, played by Ethan Hawke, a part-time professor who initially asks her to read the first chapter of his novel but quickly becomes a love interest. The resulting love triangle — he's married to Georgette (Julianne Moore) — teaches Maggie to make fewer plans and embrace the myster-

ies of the universe.

"I was looking for something that could be funny, could be set in New York and that I could connect to," says Miller, who adapted the screenplay from an unpublished novel by Karen Rinaldi. "Some months before I received the chapters Julianne Moore told me the story of a woman who

had left her marriage, started a new family, blended a family and found herself in an organizational pickle. She constantly had to figure out other people's ski holidays and things. I wondered if people could connect to this idea of how complicated it is to be a person right now and how many choices we have. I felt like



"I wondered if people could connect to this idea of how complicated it is to be a person right now"

Rebecca Miller

it was kind of in the air and it felt very real to me. In that sense it had a lot of juice in it."

The script of Maggie's Plan suggests Miller may be a spiritual cousin of Woody Allen. Actually, she's the daughter of legendary playwright Arthur Miller, but the way she writes about neurotic New Yorkers here has more in common with Allen than her dad's realist morality plays. With a great deal of humour she details the lives of smart but not terribly aware New Yorkers.

"On a totally practical level I wanted to make a movie in New York because I was living here," she says. "We lived in Ireland for years as our primary home and then we shifted it here for a time. I was excited to be here but I had youngish children in the house so for me to live and work in

the same place was important.

"I have a real love for (New York). When you have been living here forever you don't necessarily appreciate it but when you come back to the place suddenly everything looked so beautiful and appealing and wonderful. All my love and feelings for the exact places that are in the movie spilled out onto the screen."

She also included at least one incident from her life. In one funny scene a character expresses displeasure by burning a manuscript and returning the ashes to its author. "I did burn someone's book when I was in college," she laughs. "It wasn't a book they had written, to be fair. It was only a book they had lent to me and I was angry at them so I burned it."

"My salad days. I am much more calm now."

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Koneline not a pushy environmental film

DOCUMENTARY

Filmmaker aims to touch audience with art, not dogma

Steve Gow
For Metro

The documentary *Koneline: Our Land Beautiful* is often misrepresented by the media, but that's just fine with filmmaker Nettie Wild. She wouldn't want the movie to fit into a neat little box, anyhow.

"A lot of the media, because they have a short amount of time to grasp the story and even shorter amount of time to write it, it all comes down to Indians versus miners," said Wild of her acclaimed environmental epic.

"You just go, 'Man, I just spent four years actually trying to loosen that paradigm up.'"

Instead, Wild focuses on the dynamic "cinematic poetry" of

the remote Tahltan territory in northern British Columbia where the impact of arriving mining interests and their infrastructure are affecting First Nations, environmentalists and the drillers and miners in equal measure.

In fact, the stunning movie's polemically absent approach is surprising audiences enough to earn Wild the top prize at North America's largest documentary film festival, Hot Docs — with its artistic take on environmentalism and the surprising contradictions that lie at the heart of such matters.

"There's just a hell of a lot of rhetoric flying around and I think it's dangerous," explained Wild of the perils of

pushy, alienating environmental messages in movies.

"I figured the one thing I could contribute was art and that it's possible if you can create a sensuous, visceral experience for people they might get something that they're not getting through the rhetoric."

It's not that Wild doesn't feel there is a place for activism in cinema.

In fact, her previous films — like the award-winning *A Rustling of Leaves* — have taken her to the front lines of armed rebellions and native blockades. But Wild is also convinced that the times, they are a-changin'.

"I think people are so tired of the doom and gloom scenario," stated Wild.

"I'm hoping that in these times, this idea of using a different way of storytelling is going to resonate and it's going to touch more people and it's going to pull diamond drillers and linemen into the cinema as well as people who see themselves as environmentalists."

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Nettie Wild



The Tahltan First Nation in Northern B.C. describe their territory as *Koneline* (pronounced ko-nuh-lee-nay), which means 'our land beautiful'. From top left: Oscar Dennis runs his dogs across Tahltan territory; The ecstasy of stickgambling; Dancing with the North West Transmission Line. COURTESY CANADA WILD PRODUCTIONS

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The purpose of the proposed DC2 Provision is to provide the opportunity to develop up to five units of Row Housing. Parking is proposed at grade at the east portion of the site and will be accessible from the laneway.

The Open House will be an opportunity to learn more about the proposal and provide your feedback to the City and applicant. Feedback will be summarized in a report to City Council before they make their decision on the application.

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Star Wars is not above a good edit

ANALYSIS

The Rogue One revamp should not worry fans too much

Peter Howell
Torstar News Service

As Star Wars controversies go, I'd rank the Rogue One retrofit above the too-cuddly Ewoks but below "Greedo shoots first" (Google it) on the scale of franchise outrages.

Others might disagree. There was a sharp intake of breath and frowning of brows amongst fans recently after gossip site Page Six reported that Disney bosses are "in a panic" over Rogue One, the first Star Wars spinoff.

It does sound serious: Disney execs saw a rough cut of the film, directed by Gareth Edwards, and they're "not fully satisfied" with the prehistory tale of how Rebel Alliance heroes stole plans for the evil Empire's Death Star.

They've ordered an unspecified number of scenes to be reshot, starting in July, which isn't going to be cheap. It likely means calling back all or part of a cast that includes Felicity Jones, Ben Mendelsohn, Forest Whitaker, Mads Mikkelsen and Diego Luna, with additional CGI work as well.



More and more I'm seeing films that cry out for a sharp eye and sharper pair of scissors

Peter Howell

Fan speculation has run fearfully amok, as it will do. Rumours persist online that the tone of Rogue One is too "dark" and needs a few laughs. Estimates range as high as 50 per cent of the film being reshot, a figure I doubt as much as I do the suggestion of "panic" by Disney overlords. The Dec. 16 release date is unchanged, so the Rogue One redo can't be all that drastic.

I'm not worried. I'm actually delighted, if Disney seriously thinks it can make a better movie and not just sell more toys or

soda pop. The studio restored my faith in the Star Wars franchise with The Force Awakens, which was a far better picture than the three misbegotten prequels by series creator George Lucas, who could have used some good advice. Maybe if he'd listened, there wouldn't have been such inanities as Jar Jar Binks and midi-chlorians.

Where is it written that Star Wars is above editing, or indeed any movie? There is an automatic reaction by cinephiles, and I've been guilty of this myself, to assume that any cuts or changes made to a film by anyone other than the director or screenwriter are inherently wrong.

Yet more and more I'm seeing films that cry out for a sharp eye and sharper pair of scissors. I counted exactly one good laugh in the superhero debacle Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice, which at 2.5 hours had a running time as bloated as its title.

The excess isn't limited to the multiplex. Many of the films competing for the Palme d'Or at the recent Cannes Film Festival were pushing the three-hour mark, with no good reason.

Andrea Arnold won the third-place Jury Prize for her lyrical road drama American Honey, but she might have taken the Palme if she'd judiciously pared it to two hours rather than nearly three. The picture tries the patience, and at its current length it will lose one showing per night when it hits the art house circuit this fall. I'm not advocating unfettered interference by studios and producers. Too often their decisions are based on dollars rather than art. All the new superheroes introduced in the recent Captain America: Civil War were there not because it made for a better story (it didn't), but rather to set up new spinoffs for The Avengers franchise. And it was also too long.

Yet sometimes the suits have a better idea of what serves a movie and its audience. Harvey Weinstein did when he suggested to Quentin Tarantino that his revenge drama Kill Bill would work better as two regular-length films than the single four-hour bladder-burster Tarantino had envisioned.

The Star Wars renovators deserve the benefit of the doubt, since The Force Awakens was so good, and it had a few last-minute tweaks, too.

But all bets are off if the Ewoks or Jar Jar Binks end up in the final cut.



Felicity Jones stars as Rebel fighter Jyn Erso in *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Disney has ordered a number of scenes reshot for *Rogue One*, which is slated to open in December. CONTRIBUTED

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

His wife loves Kyle Chandler, to which I nodded politely while thinking, ‘Get in line, buddy’

popular it was.

You can Google it, like I did, to find the five-ingredient sweet pie, which, if I'm being honest, are the same five ingredients in pretty much every other: a can of sweetened condensed milk, three egg yolks, and lime juice put into a crust and topped with whipped cream.

The difference with Rausenberg's, however, is that he used a store-bought shell — "plain, graham cracker or chocolate" — and it requires no baking!

On Sunday I set out to work in the kitchen where I often stream TV shows that Simon has no interest in watching with me.

That includes *Bloodline*, the Netflix dramatic thriller set in the Florida Keys about the upstand-

THE SERIES:
Bloodline



ing Rayburn family and the lies they tell to protect their good name. We'd gone through the first season together, but he wouldn't commit to the second, which premiered on May 27.

I'm not sure why.
He certainly had his eyes

THE MEAL: Key Lime Pie



open for Sam Shepard, who plays the patriarch of the Rayburn family, when we drove through the Keys last November, particularly when we settled for a couple of nights in Islamorada where much of *Bloodline* is filmed.

At the Palms and Pines

resort our bartender, who doubled as the charter boat captain and looked like Bradley Cooper, told us how one of the actors from the series had recently stayed with his family here.

Also, his wife loves Kyle Chandler, to which I nodded politely while thinking, "Get in line, buddy."

Every place we visited on our road trip had a Bloodline-related story: "They were just here last night" or "Kyle's regular hang-out is just up the street." And at every restaurant and diner, we ordered a slice of key lime pie.

But none compared to the first slice we sampled in Key Largo at a roadside place called Mrs. Mac's Kitchen, whose motto is "Eat well, laugh often, live long."

Every slice thereafter caused us to flashback to Mrs. Mac's, not unlike *Bloodline* toys with chronology so that the first scene in Season One is also one of the last.

The timeline jumping continues in the second season — so much so that I had to pause the show (and the key lime pie construction) in order to read some

episode recaps — a eureka moment in and of itself: So this is why recaps exist, I thought.

Maybe the multitasking is why the pie, despite whipping it over a double boiler for at least 30 minutes, never turned into the custard that "Bob" promised it would. It remained a pile of goop, even after I stuck the pie in the freezer for a couple of hours.

Still, I didn't look back. I told no lies; this is the key lime pie we have to live with, I thought, as I prepared two "slices" after dinner.

"Well, maybe it's fitting that Bob's key lime pie looks like a Rauschenberg painting on a plate," Simon said, staring down at the mess that bore a resemblance in colour palette only to the slices we enjoyed on that glorious trip to the Keys, where the sun never stopped shining and the sea was a thousand shades of blue.

But let me tell you: no finer-tasting key lime pie has ever existed.

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Despite success, female-led comedies are seen as a 'test'

Bridesmaids was supposed to change the game for the female-driven comedy. But each new movie is still treated like a beta test for the genre and the next unwitting subjects are Ghostbusters, out July 15, and Bad Moms, out July 29. Isn't it supposed to be summer?

"Let's wait and see how Ghostbusters does" has become a common phrase in the press and the industry — as if the future of female-led comedic blockbusters depends on Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Leslie Jones, and Kate McKinnon.

It all sounds eerily familiar to director Paul Feig, the high priest of female ensemble comedy. He heard the same thing with Bridesmaids.

"It's unfair that women have to be put through litmus tests all the time. What if Ghostbusters doesn't work?" Feig said.

"If a giant tentpole starring men doesn't do well, people don't go 'Oh well, we can't have guys in movies anymore.'"

Kay Cannon, who wrote the a cappella comedy Pitch Perfect and its sequel, which together cost \$46 million to make and earned \$402.9 million worldwide, has had similar experiences.

"I feel like with every movie, we're auditioning to be members of this business," she said.

Former Universal Pictures Chairman Adam Fogelson, who greenlit Bridesmaids and Pitch Perfect, sees it differently.

"I think it is true that the movies are discussed that way. I'm not sure I think it's true that in fact each movie carries that weight. People tend to forget just how many success stories there are," Fogelson said, rattling off titles like 9 to 5, The First Wives Club, Bring It On, Clueless, Mean Girls and Baby Mama.

In his mind, if Bridesmaids was breaking any new ground, it was around the R-rating.

Fogelson's company STX Entertainment is behind Bad Moms, starring Mila Kunis, Kristen Bell and Kathryn Hahn, which he guarantees will have an R-rating, too.

"There is no honest PG-13 expression of the frustrations, the challenges and the hilarity of pursuing perfect parenthood," Fogelson said.

He also recognizes that beyond its R-rating, Bridesmaids took on an added significance that snowballed externally.

Legally Blonde co-screenwriter Kirsten "Kiwi" Smith was one

leading the charge.

"I sent out a mass email saying 'Please support the endangered species of the female-driven comedy,'" Smith said.

As with most things in Hollywood, the effects of the film's phenomenal success were complicated. Feig and his stars did well. Pitch Perfect got off the ground. But Smith's peers weren't seeing an uptick in project sales.

"It was like, 'No, wait, this isn't supposed to be happening. The movie's a hit. Now we're supposed to be able to sell all our female-driven comedies,'" she said. "It didn't happen."

She believes some saw Bridesmaids as an anomaly.

Feig, meanwhile, continued to do his thing.

"I was hoping that I'd be able to show Hollywood that these movies are profitable and that they can stop using the excuse that men won't show up," Feig said.

He disproved the old box office myth that female-led movies "don't travel" by creating Spy, a movie with all the elements of a marketable action-comedy that just happened to have a woman, McCarthy, as the lead.

But, again, it seemed to only benefit his circle.

"My end game wasn't 'OK, Paul Feig will make all the female-led movies,'" Feig said.

Now he's dismayed that every summer there only seem to be a few, despite continued proof that they're just good business.

For instance, in the summer of 2015, the so-called "summer of women," four female-led studio comedies (Pitch Perfect 2, Trainwreck, Spy, Hot Pursuit) made over \$715 million at the worldwide box office. The price tag: \$164 million.

Hollywood, however, is not governed solely by the bottom line, but also by "comps." It wants proven stars and proven properties.

That limits the talent pool and leaves less room for originality, and it's forcing those in this genre to get creative with existing properties, whether it's gender swapping like the new Ghostbusters or just expanding a current universe like Sister Act (Smith and co-writer Karen McCullah recently turned in a draft for a third instalment in the franchise).

"This is a means to an end and the most important thing is putting more films out there that feature smart, funny, strong and fiery women," Smith said.

For Feig, it's still the same old issue.


"It's nice that there are any (female-led comedies) ... there just need to be more," he said. "Nobody should be celebrating or patting themselves on the back right now."

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From left: Reese Witherspoon in Legally Blonde; and Dakota Johnston and Rebel Wilson in How to Be Single. HANDOUTS

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5 REALLY BAD SEQUELS IN A YEAR OF THE FAILED SEQUEL

Comedies, dramas, thrillers, chillers — it doesn't matter what genre, they're all under-performing if they have a "2" or a "3" in their titles. Now *You See Me 2* and *The Conjuring 2* open this Friday, but they could use some of the magic and supernatural power of their respective sagas. So far 2016 is turning out to be the Year of the Failed Sequel. Here are five you probably shouldn't see. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



1 Zoolander 2

Possibly the year's least-anticipated sequel, with Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson returning to their moronic model characters from 2001, this time with even less reason to strut. Tripped on the catwalk with a 53 per cent lower opening take and a 24 per cent Rotten Tomatoes ranking.



2 Ride Along 2

A major hitch in the hike for battling prospective brothers-in-law, again played by Kevin Hart and Ice Cube, who found fewer fellow travelers for their repeat ride. Opened 33 per cent below the 2014 original with a 15 per cent Rotten Tomatoes score.



3 The Divergent Series: Allegiant

The favourite scam of splitting the final book of a trilogy into two movies didn't pay off for this young-adult dystopian adventure series, which clearly suffered from franchise fatigue. It opened 40 per cent below the third film in the series, *Insurgent*, with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 12 per cent.



4 Alice Through the Looking Glass

The White Rabbit should have checked his pocket watch before releasing an inferior Alice sequel six years after the original smash. This opened 77 per cent below the original film, with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 29 per cent. Johnny Depp's dimming star and marital fireworks didn't help.



5 The Huntsman: Winter's War

Someone thought it would be okay to make a Snow White movie without Kristen Stewart's Snow White. They thought wrong. The Huntsman opened 65 per cent below the 2012 original, with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 16 per cent.

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A few novel experiences



The novels Bert Archer has read have taken him everywhere, from small fishing villages in Newfoundland, seen here, to dark, strange bars in Buenos Aires (below). BERT ARCHER/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LITERATURE

Writer shares the books that inspired him to travel

Just as certain books can leave strong impressions on us, so too can the experience of travelling to new places — and sometimes it is the books we read that inspire us to seek out new faces and landscapes. Canadian author, journalist, travel writer, essayist and critic Bert Archer shares the novels whose words propelled him to travel to the destinations where the stories took place.

Bert Archer
For Torstar News Service

Buenos Aires

I'm sitting in the window of my friend's Manhattan apartment, down for a visit from U of T, just into my 20s. Someone left a paperback on the floor by a writer I'd never heard of, Silvina Ocampo. It's a collection called Leopoldina's Dream.

It's late morning, the sun just catching my toes as I wedge



myself in. By the time I put the book down, there's a glare in my eyes, my feet are numb. I've never read anything like Ocampo's genteel characters and living rooms, seeded with dark strangenesses that sprouted off the pages to infest my own twilight room.

Though I never felt moved to read more of her work, I knew I had to go to Buenos Aires, the city that formed this remarkable voice.

By the time I finally made it, the spell Ocampo had cast had taken root. When I stopped by chance into Cafe La Biela, saw the pictures behind the bar taken by Ocampo's husband,

watched people on the terrace as they watched people streaming to the Recoleta Cemetery, and stumbled just as randomly on Ocampo's grave, it no longer seemed she had made much of her strangeness up.

Paris

Though it's not unusual for a book to move you, books that physically propel you are rare. But when they do, they can do so powerfully, obsessively.

I had been to Paris already when I read Cyril Collard, for instance. But the city in *Condamné amour* and *Les nuits fauves* convinced me I hadn't really seen it, and needed to.

These novels about a young, good-looking bisexual man with AIDS drew out a Paris of prejudice and passion, of West African banlieues and North African lovers, a Paris that still throbbed with the sorts of stories I'd seen embalmed in the Tuileries.

I went back to Paris five years later, and on that as on every subsequent trip back, it's Collard's Paris I've visited. I used to think the old, interesting bits of Paris were all architectural. Collard knew better.

Norway

Unlike Paris, Norway didn't occupy even a corner of my consciousness before starting to read Karl Ove Knausgaard's *My Struggle*. But the personal and emotional specificity that's the heart of the epic memoir spilled over into the geography and hooked me.

So I took the Hurtigruten, a hybrid of a ferry and a cruise

ship, down the Norwegian coast to see as many of the sorts of small towns that he described growing up in as I could. They were sombre and well cared for, the people a hybrid themselves of prosperous and rural, everything imbued with and encompassed by Knausgaard. And as a result, I found, like Knausgaard, "everything I saw ... was ablaze with beauty."

Mexico City

Gabriel Garcia Marquez wrote about Colombia the way Joyce wrote about Dublin, from away, and the effect on my reading of his books has not been a curiosity about Macondo, but about where he chose to live almost his entire professional life, from 1968 to his death two years ago: Mexico City.

How great did a city have to be, I wondered, to keep this man's attention for that long?

It took me less than a day there to realize that Mexico

City is the centre of the Latin American world.

As I waited for the elevator up to my room, Gloria Estefan was stepping out of hers. As I ascended the steps of Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim's new art gallery, he was walking down them, Christina Aguilera on his arm.

Newfoundland

Newfoundland literature fishes in very deep seas, creating a plenitude of its own out of the Winters (Kathleen and Michael), Lisa Moore, Ken Babstock, George Murray, Elisabeth de Mariaffi.

But the one book that set the place in my head like no other was Michael Crummey's *Galore*.

His epically idiosyncratic portrayal of outpost life drew me to spend most of my week's trip last June in the smaller towns of the Avalon Peninsula, places such as St. Bride's and Plate Cove West, with a tour company appropriately named Wildlands.

The food was ridiculous (one homemade cake included both Dream Whip and Jello powder; it was delicious), the accents often inscrutable and, after seven days, *Galore* seemed a lot less fictional than it had.

How great did a city have to be, I wondered, to keep this man's attention for that long?

Bert Archer, on Mexico City and Gabriel Garcia Marquez

5 HOTELS THAT ARE A DESTINATION OF THEIR OWN

Sometimes a hotel can be so unique — we're talking luxury treetop hideouts and tropical underwater spaces — that it completely overshadows the destination. We've rounded up the best of the bizarre to help you plan your next outrageously photogenic vacation. Trust us, your Instagram followers will like it.

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1 Gold rush

Dunton Hot Springs in Dolores County, Colo., is an abandoned century-old gold prospectors' camp that has been renovated into a chic hotel made up of 12 log cabins and one luxury tent. Guests eat at a harvest table in the saloon and share access to five hot springs and a communal pool in the property's bathhouse. The entire ghost town can be reserved for private use for up to 44 people.



2 Sleep like a 1950s Miami millionaire

Stiltville is a tiny community of seven stilt houses in Biscayne National Park, 1.6 kilometres south of Cape Florida. The wooden houses, which stand three metres above the shallow waters of Biscayne Bay, have a storied past — they were once the party playground of moneyed Miamians in the 1950s. Guests can rent the houses through the Stiltville Trust, a non-profit that now manages the public use and maintenance of the houses.



4 Surreal field of dreams

In the middle of wheat fields near Bardenas Reales Natural Park in Tudela, Spain, sits the architectural gem Aire de Bardenas. Designed around protruding windows in a series of lowrise cubist structures, the hotel rooms are minimalist, modern and clean. Guests can also opt to stay in one of the hotel's bubble rooms — an extension of outdoor domes that are connected to the hotel.



3 Underwater wonder

Off the coast of East Africa in Zanzibar, the underwater room at the exclusive Manta Resort combines a glass-panelled submerged sleeping space with two additional floors above the water. After enjoying dinner on a private deck or sunbathing on the rooftop terrace, guests can settle into their rooms and delight in nearly 360-degree views as reef, bat and trumpet fish swim by.



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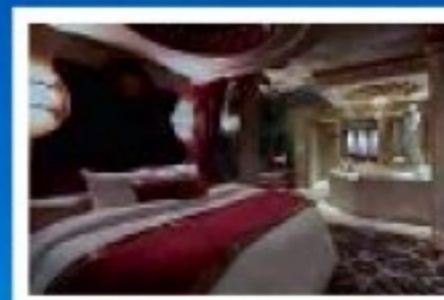


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Ken, left, and Ruben Friedenbergs at the grand re-opening of ArrKann Trailer in 1988 after the Tornado hit. CONTRIBUTED

'Growth through customer service and dedication'

The gradual rise of ArrKann Trailer and RV is rooted in determination and family.

Forty years ago Ruben Friedenbergs had a golden rule that would serve him well in life. Little did he know but it would also benefit his family and past/present customers through four decades.

"His original mission statement was 'growth through customer service and dedication,'" says Robert Minarchi, director of sales and finance at ArrKann Trailer and RV. "That was the company's motto even when Ruben had his first hardware store which essentially spawned ArrKann. He started renting trailers from this hardware store and gradually it turned into ArrKann. That mission statement still holds true today."

Forty years on and Ruben's son Ken spent a long and proud spell at the helm continuing his father's good work alongside his brother Rick.

Both men are now retired and have since passed on the business to the third generation Friedenbergs, who are currently in charge. After decades of progressive success ArrKann now has two locations in Edmonton, one in Calgary and another one set to open there in 2017.

But it hasn't all been plain sailing, ArrKann has overcome unexpected and devastating adversity. A powerful tornado in 1987 ravaged and nearly ended the business there and then but Ken, Rick and family rebounded admirably



A powerful tornado in 1987 ravaged and nearly ended the business. CONTRIBUTED

and got the business back on its feet and thriving again. ArrKann now employs over 70 people, boasting one of the largest number of service technicians (14) in Edmonton as they continue to serve families with family.

Two of Ken Friedenbergs's three children take care of the Edmonton locations while Rick's son works at the Calgary branch. ArrKann also holds quite a prestigious honour among its competitors in North America being the only dealer in Canada to have won the Blue Ribbon award, not once but on three occasions. The award is given out when a company becomes a top 5 dealer on the continent and ArrKann is the only Canadian dealer to have ever managed the feat.

"We know that putting the customer first is what has kept us around for 40 years and that's what is going to help us be around for another 40," says Minarchi.

"Enough of the fighting": Diego Maradona set aside his differences with fellow all-time great Pele in Paris on Thursday



Pog-boom or bust?

EURO 2016
THE WAIT IS OVER

France not relying on star midfielder to be all-world

French fans pinning their hopes on Paul Pogba being the talismanic midfielder leading them to European Championship glory on home soil may have to bank on someone else.

Among the world's best and valued at 100 million euros, Pogba shines for Juventus with driving runs and spectacular goals, but rarely plays with such panache for

France because coach Didier Deschamps prefers him in a far more disciplined role.

"People expect too much from Paul," Deschamps said. "People can't accept any middle ground ... but he's not going to score three goals every game."

France traditionally relies upon No. 10 playmakers for its success.

Zinedine Zidane scored two goals in the 1998 World Cup final when France beat Brazil 3-0, and the current Real Madrid coach also inspired France to reach the 2006 final. Host France won the Euro in 1984, with Michel Platini scoring nine goals in five games.

But the 23-year-old Pogba is not the same category of player. "He is useful to the team because he's a midfielder, not a No. 10," Deschamps said, putting it bluntly.

The paradox between Pogba's dynamic performances for Juve - 20 goals in the past two seasons - and his less expansive play for France is as striking as his inventive, razor-crafted haircuts.

His last goal for France was two years ago, and his return of five in 31 matches is substandard for a vastly talented player who is strong in the air and has a superb long shot.

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He's not here to bring the crowd to their feet every time he's on the ball

Didier Deschamps

"(Pogba's) technical ability is well above average," Deschamps said. "But he's not here to bring the crowd to their feet every time he's on the ball."

Such a statement will hardly have French fans salivating ahead of Friday's opener against

Romania, but Deschamps wants Pogba to play more safely.

When France beat Cameroon 3-2 in a recent friendly, Pogba was criticized for pushing up too much and leaving France's defence exposed. He played far better in last weekend's 3-0 win against Scotland, hitting the post with a free kick, but lacklustre Scotland offered no threat.

France's other Group A opponents at Euro 2016 are Albania and Switzerland, meaning Pogba will face little competition in the midfield until the knockout stages.

Better sides such as Germany and Spain are lethal on the break when teams lose possession, meaning that Pogba's urge to push up and dribble his way out of trouble could prove problematic.

That's why Deschamps talks about "middle ground" when speaking about Pogba, because his aim is not to make him stand out but to use his considerable abilities for what's best for his team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**MUST-SEE
EARLY
MATCHES**

FRANCE-ROMANIA

Friday, Paris

The opening match will be heavy with emotion at a national stadium which was a target for suicide bombers last November.

France will be determined to show it is a nation and national team united and stars like Pogba and speedy forward Antoine Griezmann can help ensure the post-match focus is about events on the field.



ALBANIA-SWISS

Saturday, Lens

There has never been an international match like this. Brothers in opposition, players with club ties, and possible futures together with another national team (Kosovo) post-tournament.

Each team has a Xhaka brother - Taulant for Albania and his younger brother Granit for the Swiss - who will be the first-ever brothers in opposition at a Euros.

ENGLAND-RUSSIA

Saturday, Marseille

A prime-time fixture could launch a young England team into Europe's most watchable.

Few would bet on the club full of Premier Leaguers to win it all, but some might wager on them playing in the most exciting match.

Russia helped light up Euro 2008, and needs to put a dull Fabio Capello-coached era behind it.



SPAIN-CZECH REP.

Monday, Toulouse

Does two-time defending champion Spain still have it? Spain's aura of invincibility vanished two years ago, when an aging team was the first eliminated at the 2014 World Cup.

Coach Vicente del Bosque remains but the loyalty he showed some players in Brazil is over judging by his squad selection.

BELGIUM-ITALY

Monday, Lyon

Europe's top team in the FIFA rankings against the perennial title hopefuls.

No. 2-ranked Belgium has been a fashionable choice for years with its golden generation of players.

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The Sharks can tie up the series on Sunday night at home. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

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STANLEY CUP FINAL

Sharks shirk off Penguins' push to title

The Stanley Cup final is going back to California.

The San Jose Sharks avoided elimination in Game 5 on Thursday night, topping the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 at Consol Energy Center. Martin Jones made 44 saves and the Sharks scored three first period goals, including the eventual winner from Melker Karlsson.

Brent Burns, Logan Couture, and Joe Pavelski, into an empty net, also scored for San Jose.

Evgeni Malkin and Carl Hagelin found the back of the net for the Penguins, who out-shot San Jose 46-22. Matt Murray turned aside 18-of-21 shots in a losing effort.

Game 6 is set for Sunday night at SAP Center in San Jose with the Penguins still leading

GAME 5 In Pittsburgh



the best-of-seven series 3-2.

The Sharks are trying to join the 1942 Toronto Maple Leafs and become the second team in NHL history to overcome a 3-1 deficit in the final.

"Weren't we counted out in the first round?" Sharks defenceman Marc-Edouard Vlasic said of a comeback before the game. "Nobody had us beating LA."

The Sharks got the start they were after in Game 5.

Burns fired a shot short-side and high on Murray 64 seconds into the first as San

Jose landed the first goal in the final for the first time. It was the Sharks' first shot of the night and first goal of the series for Burns. The goal also looked remarkably similar to Joonas Donskoi's overtime winner in Game 3.

San Jose continued to buzz and inched its lead to 2-0 less than two minutes later when a Justin Braun point shot was deflected by Couture, the leading scorer this post-season.

Sharks coach Pete DeBoer described scoring first as the biggest fix required of his team in Game 5.

Less than two minutes after the goal from Couture, Malkin struck with his second power-play goal in as many games.

It was tied 2-2 just 22 seconds later when Hagelin deflected a Nick Bonino shot. Bonino thwarting an exit feed from Sharks defenceman Brenden Dillon before sending it on net.

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IN BRIEF

Young Quantrill a Padre

Canadian right-handed pitcher Cal Quantrill, son of former Toronto Blue Jays reliever Paul Quantrill, has been selected by the San Diego Padres in the first round of the MLB draft.

The Padres selected the 21-year-old from Port Hope, Ont., out of Stanford with the eighth overall pick on Thursday night.

Quantrill missed the entire 2016 season at Stanford after undergoing Tommy John surgery last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GOLF

Henderson aces her way to the top

Just three holes into her round, Brooke Henderson could tell she needed a spark.

Her fourth career hole-in-one and a new car — to be donated to her caddie sister — did more than enough.

Buoyed by the early ace and birdies on her final two holes, Henderson took the early lead Thursday in the Women's PGA Championship in Sammamish, Wash., the second of the LPGA Tour's five major championships. The 18-year-old Canadian had



Brooke Henderson
GETTY IMAGES

a 4-under 67 on a cool day at Sahalee Country Club. Henderson aced the 13th hole — her fourth hole of the day — hitting a 7-iron from 155 yards to the left side of the green. The shot caught the apron and funnelled directly to the cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Avocado Egg Salad



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This recipe omits mayonnaise making it a healthier option but don't worry about missing your favorite condiment because the addition of creamy avocado makes this egg salad next level delicious.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 hard boiled eggs
- 2 avocados, pitted
- 1 Tbsp Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp chives, chopped fine
- 1/4 tsp Dijon mustard
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 to 6 slices whole grain bread

Directions

1. Place eggs in cold water and

place your pot over medium high heat. Bring the water to a boil, place a lid on pot, take off the heat and set your timer to 12 minutes. Rinse the eggs under cold water to cool them down enough to peel. Remove the shells. Roughly chop the boiled eggs.

2. In a large bowl, mash up your ripe avocados. They don't have to be a purée, just break them down into chunks.

3. Add the chopped eggs, lemon juice, chives, Dijon and give it all a good mix. Taste a bit and see how much salt and pepper you want to add.

4. Spread your mixture on sandwich bread and anything else you like - tomatoes, lettuce, sliced cucumber.

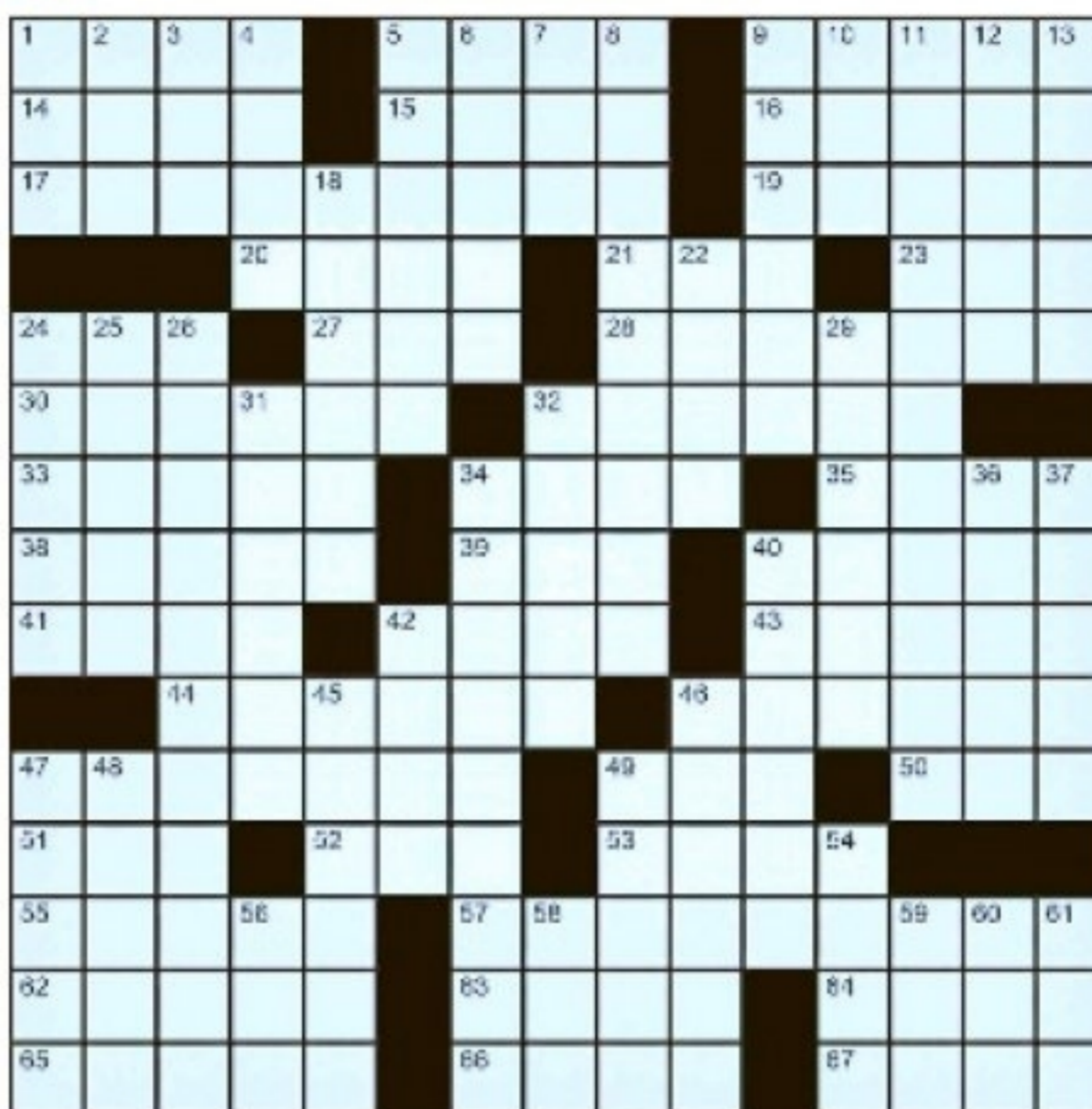
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ACROSS

1. Axillary
5. Sweat-less toiletry
9. "Heroes" singer David (Father of Duncan Jones, director of #28-Across)
14. __ Nobis Pacem (Latin for 'give us peace')
15. Columbus, __
16. Equally peculiar: 2 wds.
17. Beach protectant
19. 'The King' of France: 2 mots
20. Mama's man
21. "Volare" (Blu Dipinto Di Blu)
23. Li'l Round Table title
24. Cleave
27. Clear
28. World in new fantasy/action flick "Warcraft" (2016)
30. Left
32. Elizabeth Taylor's 2x hubby Richard
33. Maps book
34. Large, informally
35. Jaunt
38. Ancient Greek city-state
39. Shakespearean suffix
40. Rock
41. Foul food
42. Coin insert place
43. Terminate
44. Canadian bakery since 1882
46. Sensitive
47. Revolved as the Moon around the Earth
49. Fasten
50. Holy ones [abbr.]
51. Old French coin



52. __, May, June...
53. Alter
55. Helpful, as a gadget
57. __ hearts (In-a-jar grocery purchase)
62. Microphone pro on stage
63. Slight
64. Phone but-

- ton O's letters
65. Peter of Peter and Gordon
66. Keen
67. Phoned

DOWN

1. Magazine pages, e.g.
2. Mr. Ferrigno

3. Ms. Landers
4. Grate
5. Sluggish
6. Leading
7. Make up stuff
8. Son of Queen Victoria who was Governor General of Canada from 1911 to 1916: Prince Arthur, 1st Duke

- of __ and Strathearn (b.1850 - d.1942)
9. The National __ of Canada
10. 'Lact' suffix
11. What city construction crews do at times: 3 wds.
12. Aerosmith's " __ Want to Miss

- a Thing"
13. The Age of Innocence novelist Ms. Wharton
18. Soap brand
22. Poet Mr. Pound
24. Bunches
25. Glorify
26. Rural town in southern Saskatchewan that's about 40 minutes from the Montana border ...sounds like a cluster of weeping trees?: 2 wds.
29. Decayed
31. Taiwan's capital
32. Back at the track: 2 wds
34. TV: Soap opera component
36. Map detail
37. Equals
40. Beautiful, as landscape
42. Dance move
45. One not leaving, say
46. Cleaned up
47. Ice Cube, aka __ Jackson
48. Wanders
49. Laboratory: __ dish
54. Thunder god
56. "Mr. D" on CBC star Gerry
58. Title for Jesse Jackson [abbr.]
59. __-locka, Florida
60. "Jeopardy!" champ Mr. Jennings
61. Work unit

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might focus on a pet today or deal with its needs. In the bigger picture, you want to get better organized and be more efficient about everything.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a playful day! (How perfect — it's Friday!) Take a minivacation. Enjoy flirtations, fun and adventure, sports events, musical performances and playful times with children.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Home, family and your private life are your primary focus today. A conversation with a female relative might be significant. If possible, enjoy cocooning at home.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You're on the go! Short trips and a chance to see new places and talk to new faces will please you. Trust your hunches.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Financial issues are important today. This is a good day for business and commerce. You will want to take care of what you own by repairing or cleaning it. (Good idea.)

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The Moon is in your sign today, which will bring you a bit of extra good luck. However, it also can make you more emotional than usual. Stay chill.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will prefer working alone or behind the scenes today, because you need a little peace and quiet. However, if you get a chance to travel, grab it!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A discussion with a female acquaintance will be significant today. You might want to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone. (This is a good idea, because this person's feedback will help you.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Personal details about your private life are made public today. (Quite likely, you are aware of this.) Don't worry; it's not something to be concerned about.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something different today, because you want to expand your horizons and experience adventure! Ideally, you want to learn something new.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Discussions about shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt will be prominent today. You might focus on the wealth of someone else; you might envy it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to compromise and go more than halfway when meeting others. This is minor, but it's there.

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